GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO-RUSSIA TIES FOR BRAHMOS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the supersonic cruise missile `BRAHMOS` produced with the joint venture of India and Russia;

(b) the time taken to produce this missile by this joint venture company alongwith the expenditure incurred on its production;

(c) whether China and Pakistan also have such type of missiles;

(d) the details of range of BRAHMOS and its range in regard to its use in Army;

(e) the time by which full-fledged production of the said missile is likely to be started; and

(f) whether the Government have intention to sell these missiles to other countries also?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) It is a supersonic cruise missile with high accuracy against targets and is configured for multiple platforms like ship, submarine, aircraft and land launch.

(b) It has taken about three years to jointly carry out design and to realize the missile for its first successful flight test. Further developmental flights will be carried out before the missile enters the production phase.

(c) The missile is the first of its kind in the world and its performance is superior to the presently operational similar missiles. While China has equipped two ships with a lesser range MASKIT class cruise missile procured from Russia, Pakistan is not known to possess such missile.

(d) The missile has a range of 280 km.

(e) The missile is expected to enter the production phase in about two years time.

(f) The missile system is primarily for Indian and Russian Navies. It is also planned to export it to friendly third world countries.